

# Sports

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## Broncos win too

# Buckaroos take big five point lead over Vikings

Vernon Vikings were faced with a major question Friday night as they stepped onto the ice to meet league leading Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior A hockey action here at home . . . What will it be, one or five points behind when the final whistle is blown?

After the first 20 minutes of play, they still did not have the answer as both teams battled to a 2-2 tie. However, four unanswered Kelowna goals in the middle frame and another pair in the third period along with the Vikings three goals in the same session for an 8-5 difference gave the locals the answer.

Vikings also realized when it was all over, they have yet to defeat the powerful Kelowna crew in five meetings this season and with the Bucks still with three games in hand, the first place spot Vernon are so anxious to regain now looks rather hopeless.

For the well over 1,000 fans on hand, there was no mistake in what they saw as Kelowna put together a marvelous piece of team-work for the most part of the game seemingly able to score at will and at the same time easily thwarting Viking attempts to break through a solid defence corp.

Main problem for the Vikings stemmed from the fact only one line was able to pick up the much needed goals and assists as Don Murdoch scored three goals and was in on the two other markers as was Ken Price and Dave Caldwell with Caldwell adding one goal along with defenceman and team captain Lyle Brewer.

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For the Buckaroos, all three lines were in on the team effort for goals or assists with Archie McKinnon and Mark Lofthouse scoring a pair each with singles coming from Steve Paolone, Curt Fraser, Duane Monteith and Murray Hanson. For Hanson it was his 25th consecutive goal or assist in the last 25 games played.

Vikings now take one day off to rest and then go back into Vernon civic arena Sunday night for an easy evening game at 7:30 against the visiting Langley Lords whom they have met three times previously, winning the first two.

Another big game on tap for Vernon fans takes to the ice here on New Years Day as the Vikings will host Penticton Broncos in an afternoon game starting at 2:30 p.m.

**PENTICTON BOUNCE LORDS**  
Kelowna Buckaroos defeated Vernon Vikings 8-5 and Penticton Broncos thrashed Langley Lords 10-2 in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action Friday night.

It was Kelowna's 25th win of the season. In the game at Vernon, the teams were tied 1-1 at the end of the first period and Kelowna held a healthy 6-2 lead going into the final period.

Archie McKinnon and Mark Lofthouse had two goals apiece for the Bucks. The other Kelowna goals were notched by Steve Paolone, Curt Fraser,

## Jets-Royals win again

Cranbrook Royals edged Trail Smoke Eaters 4-3 and Spokane Jets downed Kimberley Dynamiters 5-2 in Western International Hockey League games Friday.

Playing in Kimberley, the Jets took a 3-2 lead in the second period after the first ended in a 1-1 tie.

Mickey Shaw scored twice for Spokane. Brian Harper, Ernie Gare and Dwight Brothers added single goals.

Mickey Wilson and Joe Mutch scored for Kimberley.

The Dynamiters took 10 of 16 penalties, including four majors and three game misconducts.

Spokane outshot Kimberley 30-25.

In Cranbrook, The Royals led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 3-1 at the end of the second.

Jim Miller sparked Cranbrook with two goals and Ed Legare and Bernie Reed rounded out the scoring.

Duane Monteith and Murray Hanson.

Don Murdoch had three goals for Vernon with the other Viking goals coming from Lyle Brewer and Dave Caldwell.

In Penticton, the Broncos led 2-0 at the end of the first period and 5-1 at the end of the second.

The Broncos got twogoal performances from Gord McKay, Doug Lawton, Mark Sevryn and Mark Patterson. Singles were added by Pat Sevryn and Kirk Aulin.

Langley's two goals were scored by Lane Lavik and Ryan Walter.

Tonight, Langley meets the powerful Buckaroos in Kelowna, Bellingham Blazers play at Nanaimo and Chilliwack Bruins play at Merritt.

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